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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

A star communication network including a hub node (102) and links (102E) coupled to the hub node for carrying data along routes in W channels. The hub node has switches connecting each channel of a first one of the links to various channels of a second one of the links through the hub node.